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May: Busy Schedules, Shared Technology

As May arrives, schedules fill quickly. End-of-year activities, testing, performances, travel, and warmer weather mean devices are used more frequently and often shared between family members.

Laptops, tablets, phones, and apps play an important role in learning and daily life, but shared use can also introduce new risks if basic safety habits aren't in place.

May's focus is on keeping devices and apps safe, especially when multiple people use the same technology.

This Month's Cyber Focus:

Shared Devices & App Awareness

Many households rely on shared devices for schoolwork, communication, and entertainment. While sharing is convenient, it can lead to accidental access, unwanted downloads, or exposure to unsafe content if boundaries aren't clear.

Common risks include:

- Saved logins being accessed unintentionally
- Apps collecting more information than expected
- Downloads from unofficial or unverified sources
- Devices missing updates or security fixes

These risks aren't caused by carelessness, they're often the result of busy routines and unclear settings.



Common Warning Signs

Pay attention if a device:

- Shows unfamiliar ads, apps or pop-ups
- Starts running unusually slow or behaving differently
- Displays repeated requests for permissions or access
- Displays notifications or messages that don't look familiar

Changes like these are often signals to pause and review what's happening.



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Smart Habits That Help

This month, focus on awareness and boundaries:

- **Log out of accounts when finished on shared devices**
- **Avoid installing apps unless they come from trusted app stores**
- **Review app permissions and remove apps that are no longer used**
- **Keep devices updated to ensure security fixes are applied**
- **Encourage asking before downloading or installing anything new**

Small adjustments go a long way toward reducing risk.

For Families

Shared devices are common in many households, especially as students balance schoolwork, games, videos, and communication. Families can support safe use by setting clear expectations and encouraging open conversations about how devices are used.

Helpful discussions may include:

- Which apps are approved and which require permission
- Why apps ask for access to things like location, photos, or contacts
- The importance of logging out of school or personal accounts
- What to do if something unfamiliar appears on a device

It's also helpful to remind students that devices are tools, not toys, and that mistakes can happen. Encouraging students to speak up when something feels wrong helps prevent small issues from becoming bigger problems.

By building habits around shared technology now, families help students develop responsibility, awareness, and digital independence that will serve them well beyond the school year.



Final Thoughts

As the school year winds down, May is a reminder that cybersecurity doesn't stop when routines change. January secured accounts, February reinforced verification, March improved safe browsing, April strengthened scam awareness, and May focuses on keeping everyday devices and apps safe.

Thoughtful use of shared technology helps protect students, staff, and families, today and into the summer months ahead.

Thank you for continuing to build safe digital habits together.

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